



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

May 2021



The annual tradition of purging Sun Lake of little fishies is back from a one year hiatus!! Registration/fishing begins at 9am (or get there when you want to get there). All of those fine fish caught that morning will be cleaned, fried and served up for lunch....doesn't get any fresher or scrumptious than that! This event will not be a potluck this year and lunch will be entirely provided by the Recreation Committee. Due to this, the registration fee this year will be \$10/adult, \$5/kids 12 and under and includes lunch for all, a 'Fresh Fisher' goodie package for the kids and one raffle ticket for the adults. Prize will also be awarded for the most fish caught, among others. A Sign-Up Genius will be forthcoming for hours supporting this event or contact us recreation@finncamp.org.



The Scholarship Committee Breakfast

Please join us for a delicious breakfast served by our students! Also - the Scholarship Committee is preparing their 52-Card Board for a chance to win a fabulous prize, including restaurant gift certificates!!

Memorial Weekend
Sunday, May 30 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM.

Students and families, please mark your calendar to get your hours in early!

Students are asked to wear their college T-shirts.
Sign up to work by emailing kimziegler6@gmail.com

Reminder to Applicants

Students who are interested in applying for a 2021-2022 scholarship should refer to the Scholarship Application located on the Finn Camp website to ensure they will have all required documentation (including letter of recommendation and transcripts) to submit by the September 1st deadline. Submission packets must be sent in complete by the due date.

Thank you for your support! The Scholarship Committee

CALENDAR

May

1 & 2—**Talkoo** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TBD—**Future Planning Committee**

Contact Gavin Wing, Jr.

7—**Voima Boys Softball** 6:00 PM

8—**St. Urho's Party**, 7:00 PM, Dance Hall

14—**Voima Boys Softball** 6:00 PM

16—**Board Breakfast**

8:00-11:00 AM, (Menu TBA)

21—**Voima Boys Softball** 6:00 PM

22—**Board Meeting** 9:00AM, Visitors at 11:00AM

30—**Scholarship Committee Breakfast**

8:00 - 11:30 AM

June

TBD—**Future Planning Committee**

Contact Gavin Wing, Jr.

4—**Voima Boys Softball** 6:00 PM

6—**Finn Camp Golf Outing**

Contact Chris Nordin

6—**Finn Camp Lenkki**

9:00 AM Breakfast • Walk Starts at 10: AM

11—**Voima Boys Softball** 6:00 PM

13—**Board Meeting**

9:00 AM, Visitors at 11:00 AM

18—**Voima Boys Softball** 6:00 PM

19—**Juhannus**

30—**Board Meeting** 6:00 PM, No Visitors

• **Camp Inspection by June 1st** (reminder)

• **The Clubroom** will be open to Members Only

Friday & Saturday Nights 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

(In accordance with current state guidelines, to members only at this time)

• **Sauna Hours:** Saturdays & Sundays

12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM by Appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS;

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event, check availability of the specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-882-4626

All newsletter material is due on the 15th of the previous month.

— Swim Program - starts Monday, July 5th —

We received a lot of positive feedback regarding how swim lessons were offered last year, so we are hoping to be able to offer the same for this year. First things first, we need to have swim hosts willing to conduct the lessons. If you are interested in hosting swim classes or want more information, please email us at recreation@finncamp.org.

Finn Camp Annual Membership Meeting

Some notes from the membership meeting for those who could not attend. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be provided as usual at the Semi-Annual Membership meeting in October • Annual budget with a membership assessment of \$300 was reviewed and approved • In order to apply as a member child, the child must be a dependent on the member's 2021 tax return. Otherwise the child is treated as a guest • All boats launched at Loon Lake must register with the Board of Directors as per blue book rules • Election to the board: Leah Paukovits, Rebecca Wendela and Tony Koski were elected as board members. Denny Sennhenn, Dave Niemi and Steve Maki were chosen as alternates. The Board seeks committee chairs for Cultural and Kitchen committees- Rob Zewatsky volunteered and was approved as chair of the Mechanical committee • A Motion to change the blue book section regarding Sound Committee to Audio & Video committee was approved • Several motions regarding Loon Lake to be added to the Blue Book were: • Boats must not be moored overnight to docks • A new rule to specify distance from the docks for mooring boats in Loon Lake • Mooring posts in Loon Lake must be removed by Fall Talkoo - *all were approved* • A motion stating that smoking is not allowed to a distance of 75 feet from the sauna entrance was not approved • A motion to form an Athletic Committee was withdrawn • Beach managers hired for the summer are Ethan Paukovits, Aila Paukovits, Colin O'Neill, and Kasey Hill.



It's been a long time coming, the time is here to celebrate St. Urho's and the crowning of the King and Queen. So get out your grapes and grasshoppers and come celebrate St. Urho chasing the grasshoppers out of Finland to save the grapes!

Where: Finncamp Dancehall

Cost: NO CHARGE

We will be selling Pasties in the Raav

(Frozen or Heated)

Wear your GREEN and PURPLE or you'll get Penalized!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

St. Urho's Committee

PRIVATE SAUNA RENTALS

If you are interested in renting the sauna for private use outside normal operating hours, you can make arrangements through the social director, Joni Sennhenn, at 248-882-4626. The number of occupants for private rentals is limited until further notice to 15 people per side. It is \$25 per hour per side to rent (minimum of 2 hours) with a refundable \$50 cleaning deposit. You can rent one or both sides. The renter is responsible for cleaning the sauna, dressing room, bathroom and shower area after use in order for the cleaning deposit to be refunded. The member must be in good standing (zero balance on Finn Camp account) to rent the sauna. The contract and payment must be submitted to the social director prior to the date of rental.



The sauna remains open Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm-9pm by appointment only (first come first serve) using Signup Genius with only 10 people allowed per side per 2-hour time period - no walk ins.

Sauna is limited to one 2-hour slot per person per day. New sign-up links will be emailed and posted on the Members Only Facebook page at the beginning of each week. Two guests per 2-hour period per side from 2pm-9pm will be permitted but only 1 guest per membership, per day. Please use the designated "GUEST" signup slot for your guest and indicate the sponsoring members name in the comments. 12pm-2pm is reserved for those 65 years and older and those with health risks for MEMBERS ONLY.

- Do not attend sauna if you are ill or if you have been in close contact with someone who may be ill. You must check-in with the sauna manager before entering. Masks are required upon entry/exit.

- Please refer to the information posted each week on the Signup Genius page for sauna updates, rules and how to cancel your appointment. If you are not receiving the email blasts and would like to be added to the list, please email newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please join us for the
1st Annual
FINN CAMP LENKKI
on Sunday June 6th.

This event will be the first one for the Finn Camp athletic committee. We are using this to generate funds for more equipment to use for future events and leagues. A 1k loop through some of the lesser-known trails will be laid out, we'll make two passes.

By pre-registering you will make sure you get your hands on a t-shirt. It will also include breakfast and a prize for those that finish the walk. Breakfast and shirts will be available on the day of the event but will be first come first serve.

The menu options will be:

- Casserole w/sausage or bacon
Comes with hashbrowns, drink & toast
- Eggs made to order
Choice of bacon or sausage
Comes with hashbrowns, drink & toast
- Fruit and Yogurt Parfait Blueberries, strawberries and granola
Comes with toast and a drink
- Drinks will be water, OJ and coffee

Cost for pre-registration is \$25

• 3 ways to pre-register:

Venmo: @Gavin-wing

PayPal: gavinwings3@gmail.com

Please include shirt size and menu option

Third way is to hand me cash/check.

If you want to help in any way or have questions, contact Gavin Jr at 248-722-0516 or on Facebook.



Our annual Juhannus celebration is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 19th. Come out early for a whole day of fun with food, games, live Finnish band, socially distant dancing, and of course The Kokko (bonfire). The kitchen will be open for lunch and dinner on Saturday and for breakfast on Sunday. We are planning to hold a horseshoe and pickleball tournament and a game of pesapallo on Saturday. Other games such as molkky, Finnish darts, boot toss, and cornhole will happen only if we have volunteers to help.

Admission to be on the grounds for the day is \$5 per person. *The clubroom bar will not be opened on Saturday June 19th due to COVID restrictions.* More info and an event schedule will be posted on our Members Only Facebook page, emailed, and included in the June newsletter - stay tuned!

There is a lot of opportunity to get in work hours this weekend and we need your help for success! We will need people to help with the following: kitchen, button designer, button maker/assembler, button sellers, raffles, games, path light setup/take down, security (at the Kokko), etc.

I am also looking for a "point person" to be available on the grounds for the day on Saturday to assist. Please contact Amber Martin at 248-770-9994 if you are available to help out or to donate raffle prizes. Kiitos!



Last fall Amber & Rob Pisha built two sets of Cornhole Game Boards. One set will be at Sun Lake Beach and the other will be at Loon Lake. This spring Amanda and Israel Nordin worked their creative magic and did a sweet urban camouflage paint job. Amanda also sewed together sets of the bean bags for both locations. Bean bags will be stored in the Sauna building Office. At Loon Lake we will store the bean bags in the Little Library Box on the Westside Bathroom building. We can only afford to provide the first set of bean bags. Amanda Nordin will be making more bean bags if you would like to buy a set for your personal use. We hope you enjoy some Cornhole Fun! --another project idea of *The Sisus Sisters*

UP FOR A GAME?

WORK HOURS OPPORTUNITIES!



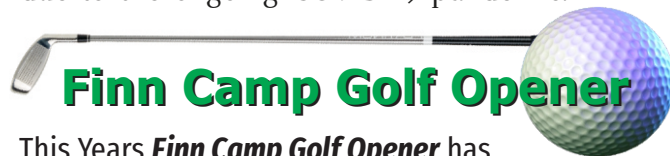
The spring Talkoo is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its' members coming together to prepare the grounds for the summer. Please come out for this event. All ages are invited to join in.

This year's Talkoo will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 1st and 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

Work hours cards must be signed on the day work is completed.

No sauna, food or beverages this spring due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



This Years **Finn Camp Golf Opener** has been Passed on to a new crew. Chris Nordin, Dave Shaw & Jim Nygore

Date: Sunday June 6th • **Time:** 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Where: RiverBank Golf Course

24095 Currie Rd. South Lyon Mi, 48178

Cost: \$30.00 18 Hole scramble.

Kickers, Closest to the pin, skins & longest drives will all be optional buy in's

Contact Chris Nordin: cnordin@glassacademy.com to register for the outing. Pre-registration is necessary for golf course needs, Payment will take place on the day of the event at the course.

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If you're a member it's free to run a Classified Ad
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— Camp For Sale —

Spacious, charming one of a kind camp full of Finn Camp History! (#5) Sonya was constructed before the size limit was mandated...she's almost double the size of a standard camp. She sits on the West Side.

• I am taking offers and will accept best.

Please send offers to Chencrow42@gmail.com if you've never checked her out, i will be available for showings after camp season begins. You won't find a cabin like this again anytime soon!



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RING THE BELL! IT'S TIME TO EAT!



Photo by Eero Salonen

One morning after members Emma and Arno Alholinna had first gotten their west-side camp, Emma was startled by the klang! klang! klang! she heard in the distance. She paused her rake and looked quizzically at her husband: “Arno,” she asked, what was that sound?” Arno grinned. “That’s the breakfast bell!” he explained. “Mennään!” “Let’s go!”

The ringing of the bell has long been a Finn Camp tradition: it signifies there’s something good to eat at the ravintola [actually meaning restaurant, but used here at Finn Camp to designate the outdoor eating area adjacent to the summer kitchen].

According to member Russ Matero: for at least the last 50 years the bell has been rung every 20 minutes while a meal is being served, announcing: Come and get it!

Over the years, the bell has signaled various meals. A vintage photo depicts members seated at long, linen-covered tables situated among the shady oaks surrounding the ravintola. On the menu: a steaming, creamy kalamojakka! Kalamojakka--or fish soup--is a creamy fish variation of the flavorful beef-potato-carrot stew that is still popular at Finn Camp. [Note: In present-day Finland mojakka is called lihasoppa; kalamojakka is kalasoppa/kalakeitto.]

Member Harry Kansman adds: “The sound of the bell was also a signal that an event was about to begin [a play, a track meet, etc].” He reports that the bell has been ringing for at least 80 years and has never been replaced. Just think how many times it has been rung!

Unfortunately, the bell has been silent this past year due to the pandemic. Let’s hope we hear that special sound again this summer! Maybe one day we could even have a reenactment of “Kalamojakka Päivää” and offer members a bowl of fish soup, a dish still popular in Finland.

by Madeline Salonen



Photo by Mary Burck

Hi Everyone,

The Loon Lake fence line vine removal has been coming along nicely. We will need help throughout the year to dig up the vines root system. Once we get the deadly vines under control we will plant new Evergreen trees to establish our privacy on Loon Lake again. If anyone has a small tree or bushy plants they would like to donate for this area we will gladly accept!

Please contact: Tammie King at 248-624-6691 or tammie@tammieking.com

We are also looking for 50 square ft of free pavers for a project in the Butterfly Garden area. We are grateful for any leads.

Recipe Books are on sale for \$5.00 each. Without having our usual fundraisers, We are accepting donations for the ongoing upkeep of the Butterfly Gardens.

Every year we spend around \$150 for fresh soil, flowers & herbs, also stain & varnish for the log bench which has to be maintained yearly.

Currently, there are fresh garlic & chives in the Herb Garden ready for harvest. Enjoy!



As always...thanks for your help to beautify our beloved Finn Camp!



My mother became a member July 15, 1939, when I was 10 years old. Therefore, my memories of the Finn Camp cover 71 years. We started out with a double canvas roof camp on the east side. At that time we used kerosene lamps and stoves, since we didn't have electricity. We pumped water from wells and used out-houses at various locations on the 100 acres of Finn Camp property. Thirty acres of the property, north of Lyonia, were used for summer cottages, which was subdivided and sold in 1974 to interested members (now the DFCSCA Subdivision).

We bought most of our groceries from the Finn Camp store, which was under the dancehall, where the bar is now located. Gus Tuovilla was the store manager. We bought fresh milk from two local farms, carrying our own containers to be filled. Thurman's farm (also members) was where the Highgate subs are now located. Hopkin's farm was where the Cliffs of Loon Lake sub is located.

All of the local roads were gravel topped and there wasn't much traffic until the 1950's. The Finn Camp was out in the country in the 1940's. During World War II, I was left alone in our camp, as a teenager. Both of my parents worked and there was gas rationing; they would come out on the weekends. I felt safe because of the surrogate parents, the Finn Camp ladies living in camp country. George Aho and I were summertime buddies and spent most of the time together; his family had the cottage in the northeast corner of "Siberia".

In the summer there was live music in our dancehall each Saturday night and on Sunday afternoons for dancing. The dances were well attended. I remember Weebeck's 3 or 4 piece orchestra in the 40's. George Larson would play with Ernie Edwards and sometimes a drummer in the 50's. Occasionally, Viola Turponen was a special treat with her accordion. Jim Foss and his band played for most of our dances in the 1960's.

The Finn Camp fast-pitch softball team, called Voima, was very successful. We invited teams to play for two or three cases of beer to be consumed under the "Victory Tree"; the visiting team almost always paid for the beer.

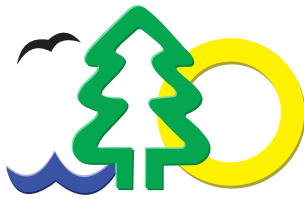
My father and I built camp #19 (now Sennhenn's), before I joined the Navy. Delores and I were married in 1955 and became members at that time. We were active with the Children's Program, new at that time; the program included track instruction and swimming lessons through Senior Life Saving. We participated in the Players Group, while it was active. Delores and I have been members of the Future Planning Committee. Delores was a member of the Loon Lake Ladies, which sponsored many activities and earned monies for a lot of the furniture we still use. I have served on the Board of Directors three times. Hank Mack, whom I respected and admired, talked me into pursuing the Historic Site Designations.

We stayed in our camp July through mid-August each summer, with our three children: Rein, Kevin and Erin. They participated in the Children's Program with around 70 children. All three gained "stage presence" by acting in the Children's Plays and then with the Players Group.

I have many fond memories of the Finn Camp and am very pleased to see how well our younger members (now the fifth generation) have maintained and operated our facilities and Association.

Info from the back of the picture with this article:

- The picture was taken around 1942.
- Hilda & Bernhard Kansman's camp [Harry's parents, I believe] is the camp on the right.
- Sam Busche's camp is next to Kansman's camp.
- The female figure in the picture is Paula Hollman.



BOARD NOTES & REMINDERS

New work hour cards are now located at the sauna building and the clubroom.

The Board would like to remind all members that the use of heavy equipment must only be done with approval of the mechanical committee. Contact the board for permission to use the equipment.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail board@finncamp.org. General questions may be answered by visiting www.finncamp.org.

Attention all committees: The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding events, projects and fund-raises you are planning. We would like to support your endeavors and projects and would like to make sure that multiple committees are not planning on tackling the same area to prevent overlapping, or we can connect those committees so they can work together. The social director should also be contacted prior to scheduling events to prevent conflicts with other events or activities.

Trash Rules: Dumpsters are for members use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when being tipped into the garbage truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. No furniture, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster. Large items can be placed at roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup. The dumpster at Sun Lake is for Finn Camp projects only. No personal or camp debris is allowed.

The board is looking for a volunteer to be the head of the maintenance committee. Please contact the Board of Directors.

The Finn Camp has a member's only group on Facebook. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be added contact Linda Gooden at gooden_71@hotmail.com with your email address and she will add you to the group. This group will include private members only events. Work projects can be another form of communication to our members.

You can now pay your Finn Camp bill online with PayPal by using treasurer@finncamp.org.

The camp social director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact Joni at 248-882-4626 to make a reservation for the beach and sauna area, the Kenttä, Dance Hall or Clubroom. Note: There is no rental fee for committee sponsored events. You will need to go through the social director however to ensure the venue is available.



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For access to the store during off hours,
call Patti Leppi, Ph: 248-921-1432,
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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Future Planning

TBD, Contact Gavin Wing, Jr.

Board of Directors

Saturday, May 22, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

ANNUAL FINN CAMP ASSESSMENT

Your annual Finn Camp assessment was invoiced on February 1 and was due by March 1. If you chose to receive your invoice via email you will not receive a paper copy in the mail and it will be emailed from quickbooks@notification.intuit.com.

If you have not received your invoice please email treasurer@finncamp.org.



I'm Looking for a Handy-Person



*I'd like some help with
a few projects on my camp*

Contact Connie for details: 313-492-8862

or e-mail at: cclynny@aol.com

It's camp #154, Thank You.

Free "Classified" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise, whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care or seasonal activities like garage sales. All you have to do is provide the following information:

- The type of service offered; a description of just what you do as the service provider;
- Your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever);
- Your name; and your contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.).
- Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Over 50 word copy will be edited to fit.)
- The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

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With an average of 12 kg per year,
Finnish people drink
more coffee per person
than anyone else in the world.



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